

Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island

Executive Committee Meeting

January 3, 2012

Present: Steven Kitchin, Joseph DiPina, Paul Harden, Joseph Oakes, Paul Ouellette, Robin Ann Smith

Absent: Gip Cabral

Staff: Christine Grieco, Diane Vendetti, Kara Aniballi

DLT Staff: Mavis McGetrick

Welcome

With a quorum present Chair Kitchin called the meeting to order at 8:04am.

Chair Kitchin requested the Committee review the minutes from November 1, 2011 meeting.

Paul Harden noted two minor verbiage changes under the Board Development Committee section of the minutes.

VOTE: Paul Harden made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Robin Ann Smith seconded the motion as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

With regret Chair Kitchin informed the Committee that the Pawtucket netWORKri Center will be closing as of April 30, 2011. Pawtucket netWORKri's lease agreement will expire at that time and the department is unable to renew this lease due to lack of funding.

He also informed the Committee that Pawtucket netWORKri staff will be re-assigned to the different netWORKri offices. West Warwick netWORKri will become a comprehensive center.

The Pawtucket Youth Center staff has been notified of this closure.

Chair Kitchin also expressed a need for those customers of the Pawtucket netWORKri Center and employers whom utilize the center be able to utilize services once provided by the center. Chair Kitchin stated this may be possible by having a presence in the public libraries. Assistant Director Sue Chomka will be looking into this matter.

Chair Kitchin also forewarned the Committee of budget cuts that may come July 1, 2012. He stated this most likely will entail programmatic and administrative cuts.

Committee Reports

Paul Ouellette stated he presented Gail Patry and Donna Gouveia

resumes to the Board Development Committee. Both women work in the health field and would bring representation of this sector to the Board.

Gail Patry had previously voiced an interest in sitting on WPGRI's Board and the Board Development Committee felt with her extensive background she would be a good fit for the Board at this time.

It was noted that Donna Gouveia's resume will stay on file for future Board vacancies.

Paul will present Gail Patry's resume to the Board of Directors January 10, 2012 to be sent to the Governor for appointment.

Paul stated there are two vacant spots on the Board, the union seat and the hospitality seat.

Quality Assurance

There was no new business to be presented.

Strategic Development

Paul Harden stated he would get in contact with the Strategic Retreats Ad-Hoc Committee leaders and would arrange a date for them to meet at the Department of Labor and training to work on finalizing their reports.

Finance Committee

Joseph DiPina stated he would be facilitating a January meeting to review WPGRI's budget.

Youth Council

Christine Grieco stated there would not be a Youth RFP at this time. Chair Kitchen would like the Chair of the Youth Council, Gip Cabral, and WPGRI youth manager, Carlos Ribeiro, to report this to the Board at the January 10, 2012 Board of Directors meeting for a vote.

New Business

There was no New Business to be reported on.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to be reported on.

Adjournment

There being no New or Old Business, Chair Kitchen entertained a motion for adjournment.

VOTE: Robin Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:27am. Paul Ouellette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Aniballi